

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

## WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF COMPETITIVE FUNDS

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify you of the availability of competitive awards from *Jobs for the Future* a non-profit research, consulting, and advocacy organization that promotes educational and economic opportunities for youth and adults with limited skills or work experience. We encourage you to compete for these funds.

*Jobs for the Future* invites applications for its 2003 Career Advancement Strategy Competition. This national competition will identify and support exemplary programs that advance lower-skilled individuals into higher-skilled, better-paying jobs in order to meet employer needs for a highly skilled workforce. Organizations with at least two years' experience with workforce advancement, locally or nationally, are invited to apply.

*Jobs for the Future* will select four winning organizations. Each winner will receive a first-year grant of \$65,000 and membership in the *Jobs for the Future* Career Advancement Portfolio. Programs that make significant progress toward targeted outcomes will receive a second-year award at the same level of funding. The competition seeks programs that utilize financially and operationally viable program strategies. Winners will be expected to use the funds to expand their innovative career-advancement program over the two years.

*Jobs for the Future* is conducting the Career Advancement Strategy Competition as part of Workforce Innovation Networks, a collaboration of *Jobs for the Future*, the Center for Workforce Preparation of the US Chamber of Commerce, and the Center for Workforce Success of the National Association of Manufacturers. Workforce Innovation Networks addresses the needs of business and communities by working with organizations across the country that are on the cutting edge of workforce development.

The pre-application is due **May 26, 2003**. The final application is due **June 6, 2003**. The final application is available for downloading when you submit the pre-application. The competition information, application materials, and general information about *Jobs for the Future* are available at [www.jff.org](http://www.jff.org).

Please share this bulletin with your One-Stop Career Center operators and staff.

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